

Town Manager's Report - Week of: 7/10/2017



- I'm very pleased to announce that I have hired Jodi Hanson as Camden's new Finance Director. Jodi has been the Finance Director in Lincolnville for the past 20 years. Her skills, experience and attitude make her an excellent fit for Camden and I'm very excited to have her join our team starting on August 7th. Jodi and I have spoken about a number of opportunities to make changes that will help the Finance Department run more efficiently. I'm looking forward to working with Jodi and the rest of her team to put these changes in place.
- I had meetings with both the Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer this week to discuss putting a plan in place to train Fire Fighters to do building, plumbing and electrical inspections as well assist with other Code Enforcement work. As part of this Chief Farley is getting ready to start the recruitment process for the new Fire Fighter. There is no question that having the Fire Department involved in work traditionally done by the Code Enforcement Office is a new way of doing business for the Town, and something that will take time to fully implement. However, I'm optimistic that everyone is committed to doing what is necessary to make this new approach work for the good of the Town. I'm hoping to have more details on exactly what the plan/process will be for training the Fire Department within the coming weeks.
- I had a meeting with a couple of Inn Keepers to discuss how the Town responds to violations of the Town's Zoning Ordinance that prohibits a dwelling from being rented less than 7 consecutive days/6 nights. I appreciated hearing the perspective of Inn Owners/Keepers in Camden on this issue and appreciate their patience in listening to the challenges the Town is facing when it comes to enforcing this provision. I look forward to continuing to work with our Inn Owners/Keepers on this issue.
- I met with Bill Kelly this week for a briefing on the many projects and topics that legal is involved with. There are a number of issues that have been outstanding for a number of years which I'm going to make resolving a priority. Bill was incredibly helpful in giving me the background and getting me up to speed on what needs to be done in order to progress a lot these projects/issues.
- I attended the 4 Seasons Committee this week where I was given a good overview of the work of the Committee.
- I am continuing to meet with Department Heads to get a more in depth overview of how their departments are structured, their major priorities and issues I can work with them to address. I still have a lot of work to do to better acquaint myself with the unique challenges and opportunities in each Department but it's clear to me we have a lot of talented staff with great ideas.